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Lubbock et al.For: **DILATION DEVICES AND
METHODS FOR REMOVING
TISSUE SPECIMENS**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

iii. ☐ Other: _____.

b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Fees due

/ X / Request For Continued Examination, \$385.

/ X / Petition, \$130.

Total Fees Due, \$515.

3. Payment of Fees

/ X / The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayment of fees which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679, referencing Atty. Docket No. R0367-02600. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

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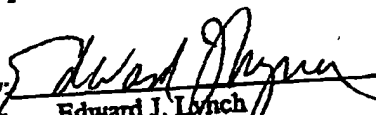
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5. Other documents enclosed herewith:

/ X / Petition To Withdraw Claim Of Priority Under 37 CFR §1.182 And Request For Corrected Filing Receipt Thereof.

/ X / Form PTO-1449 and copies of 2 cited references.

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